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STANDARD SEEDS

FOR SALE BY **W. B. Longstreth, Gratiot, Ohio.**

GREETING.

ind Friends and Patrons:—

It is with no small degree of pleasure I take in handing you my modest little catalogue for 1896, and I wish first of all to thank you for the kind words and patronage of last year; and trust, as it has been my aim to please, that I may have your confidence and orders in the future.

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BUT I guarantee them to be NEW SEED, and the safe arrival of same to my customers.

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HOWELL, MICH., Aug. 13th., 1895. "The seed I bought of you last spring are growing very nice and splendid." *F. S. Stephens.*

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